

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 69-77 are presently active in this case.

The present Preliminary Amendment substitutes new Claims 69-77 for previously pending Claims 31-68. Claims 31-68 are thus canceled. Original Claims 1-30 were previously canceled.

The newly submitted claims are consistent with Applicants' disclosure provided in FIG. 145 which shows an adjusting circuit that measures the sum of currents flowing through EL elements to fix the current value regardless of each individual panel. Similar disclosure is provided in the description in paragraph [0618] of the specification in the BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION:

[0618] The present invention is characterized in that an ammeter 1453 is used to measure a current flowing through an EL cathode power source 1450 to which all the cathodes of EL elements in an EL panel are connected, so as to vary the precharge voltage depending on the current value

Thus, in the claimed invention, a gradation voltage is to correspond to a display grade, but the voltage value has to be adjusted in order to enable the supply of an appropriate voltage that serves to provide, for example, optimum black display for each panel.

No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of new Claims 69-77 is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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